



HF 2324 – Computer Science Advisory Council (LSB5204HV.1)
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Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the House

Description

House File 2324, as amended and passed by the House, creates a computer science advisory council to make recommendations related to computer science courses.

Background

The bill requires the Director of the Department of Education to convene a computer science advisory council to make recommendations related to each accredited high school offering at least one high-quality computer science course by the 2018-2019 school year, including recommendations on:

- Computer science standards, with one or more models for such courses to be developed by the Department by July 1, 2017.
- Whether one or more computer science courses could be integrated into a career and technical education pathway.
- How one or more computer science courses could satisfy the high school graduation requirements for mathematics.
- Multiple settings for the delivery of high school computer science courses, including traditional high school classes, concurrent enrollment classes, and online learning classes.
- Guidelines for creating a kindergarten through grade 12 career pathway in computer science.
- Licensure and professional development for teachers.

The council's recommendations must also include an estimate for adding one unit of high-quality computer science education to the minimum educational program for grades 9 through 12 and revising the technology education component of the minimum educational program to include one unit on computer coding for grades 7 and 8 for the school years beginning on or after July 1, 2018. The council must submit recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2016.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Education will incur costs related to the advisory council but has indicated the cost can be absorbed within the current budget.

Source

Department of Education

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the LSA upon request.
